

Ft Carson Officers' Spouses' Club

2007 Continuing Education -- Dependent Child Scholarship Guidelines

The Fort Carson Officers' Spouses' Club (FCOSC) is a private organization designed to benefit families of military members and the population at large, by raising welfare dollars and distributing the funds back into the community. We offer three categories of scholarships. Please make certain that you have the correct application. 1) High School Senior, 2) Continuing Education – Dependent Child, 3) Continuing Education – Spouse.

This is a merit based scholarship application for dependent sons, daughters or other dependent children, *not the spouse*, that are already enrolled in an education program and wish to continue their education. The student must be seeking a graduate, bachelor, associate, or similar degree/diploma from an accredited college, university or vocational technical school. This scholarship is for those that will enroll as full-time students. In previous years we have been able to provide scholarships between \$500 and \$1500 to deserving students. The award may be applied towards any college-related expenses that may be paid directly to the institution, i.e. tuition, fees, books, room and board. A scholarship award certificate will be presented to the student at the Scholarship Award Reception. A check will be made directly to the selected college or university registrar on the student's behalf.

Selection will be based upon scholastic achievement, demonstrated leadership, citizenship, motivation, diversity of interest and community involvement. A Scholarship Award Committee makes the selection. Applicants of any race, sex, religion, creed, age, or national origin will be considered. Applicant anonymity is preserved during the selection process to ensure fair competition. Recipients will be notified by mail in May of their selection status. The funds must be used or refused by October 2007. Recipients who accept an appointment to a military academy are ineligible to receive a Fort Carson OSC scholarship. If a selectee cannot accept the scholarship, the money may go to an alternate, in order of merit. Exceptions to requirements may be made in extraordinary circumstances on a case by case basis. A letter of explanation and any pertinent supporting documentation should be attached if requesting an exception.

Please read the following requirements carefully. Applicant must meet all three of the following requirements:

1. The student's current Grade Point Average (GPA) must be 3.0 or better.
2. Applicant must meet *either* "a" or "b" below:
 - a. Club Affiliation – the applicant is a dependent child of a current Active (not Associate) Member of the Fort Carson Officers Spouses Club (FCOSC) or the Enlisted Spouses Charitable Organization (ESCO), with dues paid prior to the application post-marked date. If the application is hand delivered, dues must be paid prior to the date the application is delivered to the FCOSC Scholarship Chairperson or Executive Board Member. **OR**
 - b. Army Dependent - the applicant is a dependent child of an Active Duty Army, Army Reservist, Army National Guard, Retired Army, Deceased or MIA Army, or DoD Civilian.
3. Residency Requirement – the applicant is one of the following:
 - a. The Active Duty Army, Army Reservist, Army National Guard or DOD Civilian must be stationed in the Colorado Springs area during some period between August 2006 and March 31, 2007.

- b. The retired service member must reside in the Colorado Springs area.
- c. The dependant of the deceased Active Duty, Reservist, National Guard, DOD Civilian, or MIA parent, must live in the Colorado Springs area.
- d. The FCOSC or ESCO member must reside in the Colorado Springs area.

The application packet **must** include the following material:

- ☐ The completed application form.
- ☐ Official transcripts from the last seven semesters of academic work. Official transcripts are sealed in the original school letterhead envelope. Some schools have a unique distinguishing mark or seal. Opened envelopes or broken seals are not official.
- ☐ A 500-700 word typewritten essay – WHAT BOOK, MOVIE OR PERSONAL ENDEAVOR HAS SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACTED YOUR LIFE, HOW AND WHY?
- ☐ An official letter from the FCOSC or ESCO confirming current Active membership.
- ☐ A photocopy, front and back, of your current military ID card, or other validation of eligibility, making sure the branch of service is legible.

The application packet **may** include the following:

- ☐ One additional typed page explaining any additional information you would like the Scholarship Committee to consider.
- ☐ Up to three (3) letters of recommendations. The letters must be in envelopes sealed by the author.
- ☐ A separate letter explaining the level of course difficulty on the transcript, especially if the transcript does not have AP designations.

The Fort Carson Officers' Spouses' Club reserves the right to increase, decrease, or withdraw any or all awards due to unforeseen circumstances. Packets must be **RECEIVED** by **March 31, 2007**. Mail the completed application with all the attachments in one envelope to:

Fort Carson Officers' Spouses' Club
Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 12886
Fort Carson, CO 80913

*****Incomplete or untimely applications will not be considered.*****

Please direct questions or concerns to the Scholarship Chairman: Catherine Vuono at fc_osc@yahoo.com.

Ft Carson Officers' Spouses' Club

2007 Continuing Education -- Dependent Scholarship Application

Please type or print in ink.

NAME: _____ SSN _____
Last First M.

ADDRESS: _____
Street

City State Zip

PHONE NUMBER: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

Eligibility Category – check one

Military: Active Duty ____ Retired ____ Deceased ____ POW/MIA ____ Guard/Reserves ____
Civilian: DOD Employee _____

SPONSOR'S NAME: _____
Last First M.

Branch of Service: _____ SSN: _____

Duty Station or Business Address: _____

Phone: _____

Club affiliation (*attach letter) – circle one: FCOSC ESCO

GED or High School information: _____
Name

Address: _____
Street City

State Zip Date of completion _____

Colleges or Universities Previously Attended:

Current College Enrollment:

Overall College GPA: _____

Ft Carson Officers' Spouses' Club

2007 Continuing Education -- Dependent Scholarship Application

Please use additional paper if necessary, using the format as shown ****NO Acronyms Please****

Honors and Awards	Date

Leadership Roles	Date

Community Activities – sports, clubs, etc	Year(s)	Average hours/ month	Number of months

Volunteer Activities – charities, churches or other organizations.	Year(s)	Average hours/ month	Number of months

Employment History – include position.	Average Hours/week	Starting Month/yr	Ending Month/yr

***You may attach one additional typed page explaining the activities above or adding any other information that you would like the Scholarship Committee to consider.**

List colleges/universities/vocational schools to which you have applied or plan to attend.

Major Course of study: _____

As an applicant I understand the eligibility criteria and conditions for an award outlined in the Scholarship Guidelines. I certify that the information contained in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. If awarded a scholarship, I agree to abide by and fulfill all requirements pertaining thereto.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____